

*In Loving Memory Of*  
*Deacon Edgar Lee Givens*



*Born:*  
*October 22, 1934*  
*Colorado City, Texas*

*Departed:*  
*November 27, 1990*  
*San Jose California*

*Service:*  
*Tuesday, December 4, 1990, 11:00 a.m.*

*Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ*  
*Supt. Paul D. Bates, Pastor*  
*651 North Sixth Street*  
*San Jose, California*

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*Officiating:*  
*Elder Jerry W. Macklin*  
*1st Administrative Assistant*  
*California Northwest Jurisdiction*

*Master of Ceremonies:*  
*Elder Dennis T. Swindell*  
*New York, New York*



# OBITUARY



## Favorite Scripture

*'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:  
old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.'*

*2 Corinthians, 5:17*

Edgar Lee Givens was born on October 22, 1934 in Colorado City, Texas and was the first born of Essie Rene and Edgar Napoleon Givens. At an early age, Edgar demonstrated exceptional artistic and musical talent that blossomed to fuller expression as he matured.

Edgar attended Carver Elementary and Washington High School in Plainview, Texas where he excelled in football and basketball and carried his teammates to numerous victories while displaying uncommon skills in outwitting his opponents. In 1953 he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where he graduated from Las Vegas High School.

Following high school, he moved to California where he met and married Princella Clayton and settled in San Jose. To this union was born two sons and two daughters; Edgar Lee, Jr., Dexter McKenley, Ruthella, and Beverley Ann.

Together they were united with the Prayer Garden Church of God of Christ where Edgar served under the leadership of the late Bishop Milton Mathis, as a loyal and devoted member. He served in various capacities; including, Sunday School Superintendent, for over 30 years, Chairman of the Deacons Board and a member of the jail ministry. However, Deacon Ed Givens was best known for his incomparable abilities as a guitarist. His favorite rendition of "*The Train*", brought him many outstanding first place awards. He would always sing "*I'm going home on the morning train.*" For almost 20 years his unique music could be heard on the Prayer Garden Radio Broadcast from Mexico to the state of Washington. His loyalty and dedication to the work of the Lord was an overwhelming uplift to churches and people at large.

Edgar Givens was a man who was highly industrious and self motivated. He set exceptionally high standards for most things he undertook. For the past several years he had established a reputation as a highly successful businessman, operating the *House of Ed, an exquisite auto detailing service in Santa Clara* for 19 years. His reputation for quality and aesthetic beauty in his workmanship endeared him to people from every walk of life. His openness, honesty, jovial good naturedness and commitment to Christ was imprinted indelibly upon all who knew him.

Edgar was a loving father and a devoted husband who departed this life on November 27, 1990. He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted and loving wife Princella Givens, his sons Edgar Lee, Jr. and Dexter McKenely of Santa Clara, his daughters; Ruthella Givens-Brazzel of Mountain View and Beverley Ann White of Santa Monica, his son-in-law Gregory White of Santa Monica. Two grandchildren Chantelle Brazzel and Brittany White, his Mother Essie Rene of Plainview Texas, two brothers, Shelby Matthew Givens of Berkeley, California and Don Oliver Givens of Santa Clara, California, two sisters, Kathryn Tolson of Foster City and Sandra Franklin of San Francisco, six sister-in-laws; five brother-in-laws, many, many nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE



ORGAN PRELUDE ..... *Bro. Richard McMillian*  
PROCESSIONAL ..... *Family & Clergy*

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES  
Old Testament ..... *Elder J. Edwards*  
New Testament ..... *Elder Sam Mathis*

INVOCATION ..... *Supt. K. Smith*

SELECTION ..... *The Edgar Givens  
Memorial Choir*

## PRAYER GARDEN REMEMBERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... *Brother C. Hines*  
MOTHER'S BOARD ..... *Mother F. Strain/Mother V. Hutchingson*  
PASTORAL REFLECTIONS ..... *Supt. P. D. Bates*

SELECTION ..... *Heirs To The Throne*

## SAN JOSE REMEMBERS (Friends & Associates)

BUSINESS	PROFESSIONAL	ASSOCIATES	PERSONAL
<i>Mr. Tom Appleton</i>	<i>Mr. J. C. Woods</i>	<i>Mr. Bruce Roberts</i>	<i>Mr. Ronnie Lott</i>

SELECTION ..... *Choir*

## THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY REMEMBERS

LOCAL CLERGY ..... *Pastor S. Harris*  
HAWAII JURISDICTION ..... *Bishop D. Welch*  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ..... *Dr. M. McGlothen*  
*Int'l. Supervisor of Women*

SELECTION ..... *"Congregation"*

RESOLUTIONS ..... *Bro. John Payne*

OBITUARY ..... *Sister Ollye McMillian*

CARDS & TELEGRAMS ..... *Sister Tennie Reynolds*

OFFICIAL EXPRESSIONS ..... *Bishop W. W. Hamilton*  
*Jurisdictional Prelate, CA NW*

SELECTION ..... *Mrs. R. Langston*

EULOGY ..... *Pastor J.W. Macklin*  
*Glad Tidings Church, Hayward*  
*1st Administrative Assistant, CA NW*

PARTING VIEW ..... *Jones Mortuary Staff*  
RECESSIONAL





## INTERMENT

**Mission City Memorial Park**  
**1420 N. Winchester, Santa Clara, CA**  
**Pastor A. Swindell, Officiating**

**REPASS (Family & Friends)**  
**Eastside Youth Center**  
**2490 Story Road, San Jose**

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Kenny Clayton  
Anthony Macklin  
Leon Swindell  
Patrick Givens  
Tony Givens  
Rickey Lewis

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mr. S. Givens  
Mr. D. Givens  
Pastor A.C. Macklin  
Pastor A. Swindell  
Bro. J. Funderburk  
Bro. J. Ray  
Bro. O.D. Junell  
Bro. H. Alexander



*Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a flower, if so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you are not here at all, just thinking of us on  
this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much. Whatever the part.*

*The Givens Family*

*Jones Mortuary Inc.*

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